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July 16, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

IN RE:	§	CASE NO. 25-30155
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ALLIANCE FARM AND RANCH, LLC,	§	(CHAPTER 11)
	§	
DEBTOR	§	
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IN RE:	§	CASE NO. 25-31937
	§	
ALLIANCE ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC,	§	(CHAPTER 11)
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DEBTOR	§	JOINTLY ADMINISTERED

**AGREED ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF OKIN ADAMS
BARTLETT CURRY LLP AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS *NUNC PRO TUNC* AND
ORDER AWARDING FINAL FEES AND EXPENSES OF
OKIN ADAMS BARTLETT CURRY LLP, COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS**

The Court considered the *Application For Approval of Employment of Okin Adams Bartlett Curry, LLP as Counsel for Debtors and Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Periods March 19, 2025 Through May 23, 2025 (Alliance Farm and Ranch, LLC) and April 7, 2025 Through May 23, 2025 (Alliance Energy Partners, LLC)*”) (the “Application”)¹ filed by Okin Adams Bartlett Curry, LLP (“Okin Adams”), the Declaration of Timothy L. Wentworth (the “Wentworth Declaration”) submitted in support of the Application and the objection to the Application filed by Dustin Etter (“Etter”). Okin Adams, Etter and Tom Howley, Trustee (the “Trustee”) having advised the Court that an agreement had been reach on the Application, and that such agreement should be entered as an Agreed Order, it is therefore **ORDERED** that:

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Application.

1. In accordance with section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to employ and retain Okin Adams to represent the Debtors as general bankruptcy counsel in these cases *nunc pro tunc* to the AFR Conversion Date and AEP Petition Date, as applicable.

2. The Trustee and Etter approve Okin Adams's receipt of the AFR Retainer and the AEP Retainer.

3. The Application seeking compensation of professional fees and expenses in connection with the AFR Case is allowed in the total amount of \$25,000.00.

4. Okin Adams is authorized to draw down the full amount of the AFR Retainer (\$25,000.00) in full payment of its approved fees and expenses incurred during the AFR Application Period.

5. The Application seeking compensation of professional fees and expenses in connection with the AEP Case is allowed in the total amount of \$15,127.72.

6. Okin Adams is authorized to draw down \$15,127.72 from the AEP Retainer in full payment of its approved fees and expenses incurred during the AEP Application Period.


7. Okin Adams shall remit any balance of the AEP Retainer after such payment to the Chapter 11 Trustee for the benefit of the AEP estate.

8. After payment of the fees and expenses contemplated herein, Okin Adams shall not have any further claims, administrative or otherwise, in the bankruptcy cases.

9. This Order is without prejudice to any claims that Etter may have individually or derivatively on behalf of any non-debtors.

10. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Signed: July 16, 2025


Alfredo R Pérez
United States Bankruptcy Judge

APPROVED AND ENTRY REQUESTED:

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United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Texas

In re:
ALLIANCE FARM AND RANCH, LLC
Alliance Energy Partners, LLC
Debtors

Case No. 25-30155-arp
Chapter 11

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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+	Addresses marked '+' were corrected by inserting the ZIP, adding the last four digits to complete the zip +4, or replacing an incorrect ZIP. USPS regulations require that automation-compatible mail display the correct ZIP.

Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on Jul 18, 2025:

Recip ID	Recipient Name and Address
db	+ ALLIANCE FARM AND RANCH, LLC, 5450 Honea Egypt Rd, Montgomery, TX 77316-2364
jdb	+ Alliance Energy Partners, LLC, 20008 Champions Forest Dr., Suite 1203, Spring, TX 77379-8697
aty	+ Eric Terry, Howley Law PLLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Ste 4545, Houston, TX 77002, UNITED STATES 77002-2869
cr	+ Jerod P Furr, 259 Saddle Ridge, Spring, TX 77380-2748
cr	+ Patriot Drilling Services LLC, c/o William R. Sudela, Crady Jewett McCulley & Houren LLP, 2727 Allen Parkway, Suite 1700, Houston, TX 77019-2125

TOTAL: 5

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Electronic transmission includes sending notices via email (Email/text and Email/PDF), and electronic data interchange (EDI). Electronic transmission is in Eastern Standard Time.

Recip ID	Notice Type: Email Address	Date/Time	Recipient Name and Address
cr	Email/Text: lloyd.lim@keanmiller.com	Jul 16 2025 20:27:00	DrilTech, LLC, C/O Rachel Kubanda, 711 Louisiana Street, Suite 1800, Houston, TX 77002

TOTAL: 1

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The following addresses were not sent this bankruptcy notice due to an undeliverable address, *duplicate of an address listed above, *P duplicate of a preferred address, or ## out of date forwarding orders with USPS.

Recip ID	Bypass Reason	Name and Address
aty		Okin Adams Bartlett Curry LLP
cr		Dustin Etter
intp		Erik and Darla Ostrander
cr		KLEIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
crcom		Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

TOTAL: 5 Undeliverable, 0 Duplicate, 0 Out of date forwarding address

NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

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